

Important Telephone Numbers:

EMERGENCY:

West Des Moines **POLICE**.....911

West Des Moines **FIRE**.....911

West Des Moines **AMBULANCE**....911

NON-EMERGENCY

WDM Police, Non-Emergency.....222-3321

Community Education/Outreach Unit.....222-3333



WEST DES MOINES POLICE DEPARTMENT

250 MILLS CIVIC PARKWAY

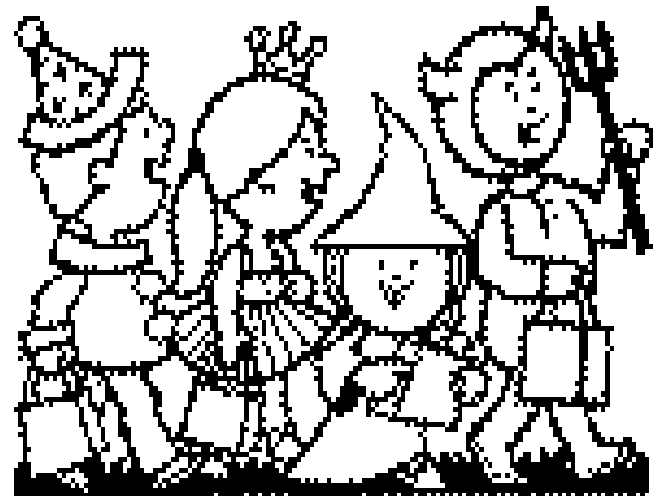
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Halloween Safety



*Provided by the
City of West Des Moines
Police, Fire, and
Emergency Medical Services*

Trick -or- Treat



Tips for Kids

- Wear light-colored clothing that's short enough to prevent tripping and add reflective tape to the sides, front and back of costume.
- Make sure children can see well through face masks, or use cosmetics to create fun or scary faces.
- Adults should accompany young children.
- Go out in daylight and carry a flashlight in case of delay.
- Stay within the neighborhood and only visit homes you know.
- Watch for traffic.
- Only give and accept wrapped or packaged candy.
- Examine all candy before allowing children to eat it.
- Keep costumed children away from pets. The pet may not recognize the child and become frightened.
- Avoid hard plastic or wood props such as daggers or swords. Substitute with foam rubber which is soft and flexible.
- Carry a flashlight or a light stick for when it get dark.

BE CAREFUL AND SAFE!!

A Message for Parents.....



- Plan to have a house party, or look for community organized, supervised activities for your children to avoid their need to be out on Halloween night.
- If your children must go out, take them and supervise their activity.
- Costumes and masks present additional dangers. Be certain your child is able to see and breathe properly while wearing a mask. Make sure costumes are not long enough to trip your child while walking.
- Pieces of reflector tape on the costume will enhance visibility of your child in the dark.
- Talk with your children about traffic safety before going out for the evening. Be sure they cross only at corners and never allow them to cross between parked cars.
- Instruct children not to eat any treats until they have been taken home and inspected.
- Children should be encouraged to respect other people's property and should also be reminded to say thank you when given a treat.
- Be certain someone is home to greet little ghosts and goblins.
- Light up the outside of your home; front and back.
- Always lock your doors and be sure to look out to see who is there before opening the door.
- Put the family pet in a safe place.
- Be sure you know the telephone numbers for emergency services.